

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD  
NOVEMBER 14, 2008  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

NOTE: ITEMS IN **BOLDFACE PRINT** REFLECT OFFICIAL BOARD ACTIONS

On Friday, November 14, 2008 a Special Meeting of the Illinois Gaming Board ("Board") was held in the conference room of the Gaming Board Offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 160 N. LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois.

On Friday, November 14, 2008 at approximately 1:00 p.m. the following Board Members were present: Chairman Aaron Jaffe, Members Charles Gardner, Eugene Winkler, and Joseph Moore; Member Sullivan participated via telephone.

At 1:07 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2008, Member Gardner called the meeting to order. Pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (4), (11), (14) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat Gambling Act, Member Gardner moved that **the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss the items listed under Closed Session on today's agenda and relating to the following subject matters:**

- 1. Pending Litigation and matters involving probable litigation;**
- 2. Investigations concerning applicants and licensees;**
- 3. Personnel matters; and**
- 4. Closed session minutes.**

Member Winkler seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. The Board remained in Closed Session until approximately 2:10 p.m. The Board went into open session at 2:35 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS -**

Chairman Jaffe announced that the Board and staff were present to announce the 3 finalists for the 10<sup>th</sup> License. He thanked the staff and Credit Suisse for all their hard work. The process was a difficult one which entailed a lot of hard work, but the Board and staff have come together for the Board to vote and move ahead.

The Chairman introduced Chief Counsel Mike Fries who is the project manager. Mr. Fries made the introductions into the process.

The Board received 7 applications on October 14, 2008. In the 30 days that have elapsed since then, the Board and staff have analyzed the applications.

Based on the information provided, the Board considered each factor required by the Riverboat Gambling Act related to the re-issuance of an Owner's license. Those factors are the following:

- (1) the character, reputation, experience and financial integrity of the applicants and of any other separate person that either controls or is controlled by the applicant;
  - (2) the proposed facilities;
  - (3) the highest prospective total revenue to be derived by the State;
  - (4) minority ownership of the applicant and the affirmative action plan of the applicant;
  - (5) financial ability of applicant to maintain appropriate insurance;
  - (6) capitalization of the applicant to maintain the license;
  - (7) extent to which the applicant exceeds or meets other standards for the issuance of an owners license which the Board may adopt by Rule (No such Rule has been adopted); and
  - (8) the amount of the bid.
- the effect on the economically depressed areas of the State;
  - to applicants presenting plans which provide for significant economic development over a large geographic area; and
  - to applicants who currently operate non-gambling riverboats in Illinois.

No one should assume that by naming 3 finalists, the Board has tacitly approved any ownership group, any person associated with an ownership group or any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the location or property on which the gaming facility will be located.

The Board will continue to investigate the character, reputation and integrity of the 3 finalists and all persons and entities associated with their proposed gaming operations. The public should be reminded that an extensive due diligence investigation will be conducted before the license is actually awarded.

On Tuesday, November 25, 2008, the 3 finalists will make presentations to the Board in an Open Meeting. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The presentations will be at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Each applicant will be limited to a one hour presentation followed by a half hour for questions. In December the Board will hold an Open Meeting at which any member of the public may address the Board regarding the 3 finalists and their proposed gaming operations. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes and should be limited to an applicant or location. Requests to be placed on that Agenda should be addressed in writing to Monica Thomas.

Member Winkler moved for the Board members to individually vote on each application for selection as the 3 finalists for the 10<sup>th</sup> Owner's License. Member Gardner seconded the motion.

On the application of Calumet Gaming, LLC to operate a riverboat casino in Calumet City:

Chairman Jaffe: No

Member Moore: Yes

Member Gardner: No

Member Sullivan: No

Member Winkler: Yes

Member Winkler stated that he voted yes for Calumet City; the Southern suburbs have a real need for what a casino could do there. Calumet City being so close to Indiana, having a casino in that area would bring back some of the revenue that Indiana has gained from us in the past. Employment is a real issue in the Southern suburbs. Calumet City is the strongest of the four applicants in southern suburban area.

Member Moore stated his comments in reference to Calumet City. The shared taxes and the income would greatly enhance the area.

On the application of Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC to operate a riverboat casino in Des Plaines:

Chairman Jaffe:	Yes
Member Moore:	No
Member Gardner:	Yes
Member Sullivan:	Yes
Member Winkler:	No

On the application of Trilliant Gaming Illinois, LLC to operate a riverboat casino in Rosemont:

Chairman Jaffe:	Yes
Member Moore:	Yes
Member Gardner:	Yes
Member Sullivan:	Yes
Member Winkler:	Yes

On the application of Hawthorne Gaming, LLC to operate a riverboat casino in Stickney:

Chairman Jaffe:	No
Member Moore:	No
Member Gardner:	No
Member Sullivan:	No
Member Winkler:	No

On the application of CCH Gaming Partners, LLC to operate a riverboat casino in Country Club Hills:

Chairman Jaffe:	No
Member Moore:	No
Member Gardner:	No
Member Sullivan:	No
Member Winkler:	No

On the application of Waukegan Gaming, LLC to operate a riverboat casino in Waukegan:

Chairman Jaffe:	Yes
Member Moore:	Yes
Member Gardner:	Yes
Member Sullivan:	Yes
Member Winkler:	Yes

On the application of Southside Casino, LLC to operate a riverboat casino in Harvey:

Chairman Jaffe:	No
Member Moore:	No
Member Gardner:	No
Member Sullivan:	No
Member Winkler:	No

### **IDENTIFICATION OF 3 FINALISTS**

Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC – Des Plaines  
Trilliant Gaming Illinois - Rosemont  
Waukegan Gaming, LLC - Waukegan

Member Gardner complimented Members Winkler and Moore regarding their comments. He was swayed by the ultimate outcome of the state taxes generated and the revenue sharing proposed by Des Plaines and Rosemont to be shared with the financially depressed suburbs of Cook County.

Chairman Jaffe stated that the process was a very complicated one. The three chosen were chosen because the Board felt they offered the most probable revenue for the State of Illinois.

### **ADJOURNMENT -**

At 2:47 p.m. Member Gardner motioned to adjourn while Member Moore seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Boruta  
Secretary to the Administrator